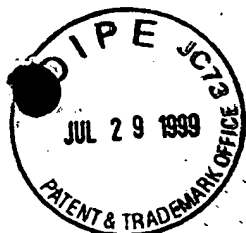


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In reply to the Office Action dated April 27, 1999, the following amendments and remarks are provided:

Amendments

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 94-112, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 46, 52, 54, 55, 80, 83, 84, and 113, as follows:

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1. (Amended) A sensor control unit comprising:
a housing adapted for placement on skin and adapted to receive a portion of an electrochemical sensor having a plurality of contact pads;
a plurality of conductive contacts disposed on the housing and configured for coupling to the plurality of contact pads on the electrochemical sensor; and
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